

Minutes from 27 MARCH 2017
Presented 24 APRIL 2017
Shore Drive Community Coalition General Meeting
Submitted by David Williams

Meeting Location: Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad Meeting Hall
Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:30 by Todd Solomon. 25 attendees

Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report- Kathy Pawlak

Balance as of 3/27/2017	\$7,383.05
Special Projects Account	\$1,499.55
Total memberships 2017	9

President Todd Solomon opened tonight's meeting by introducing Ms. Denise Wethington (Code Enforcement Inspector II) with the city of Virginia Beach. Inspector Wethington covers the city's code enforcement west of the Lesner Bridge and can be contacted M-F 8 am – 4 pm at (757) 373-4864 (cell). Mr. Russel Dowley monitors properties east of the Lesner Bridge.

Ms. Wethington stated that Virginia Maintenance Code (VMC) is enforced through complaint response and inspector patrols. She explained her extensive city duties as including: code compliance, trash monitoring (noting that condos pay for their own trash pickup), inspecting "rental inspection area", Section 8 housing inspection (both inside and outside), and the outside conditions of city structures. She stated that she can take people to court, have cars towed, and cite building owners for not correcting deteriorating structural conditions (gutters falling, loose or missing roof shingles, chipping paint, sheds or fences in disrepair, or interior issues such as plumbing leaks, electrical hazards, pest infestation, or missing or inoperative smoke detectors. The time allowed for correcting violations ranges from 24 hours to 30 days depending on the nature and seriousness of the violation. Failure to comply with notices can result in legal action that may result in a fine up to \$2,500.

A question was asked concerning inoperable cars being parked on a driveway awaiting repair, or having major components removed. Inspector Wethington stated that it is covered in the handout. Basically, it is a violation for a vehicle is parked long term without either a valid safety inspection or a current registration. (Ed. note, military members when deployment are exempt from this requirement). Vehicles must be operable, and cannot have major components removed. These code requirements are explained and available at housep@vbgov.com and www.vbgov.com/housing, or by calling Code Enforcement at (757) 385-4421.

President Solomon then introduced Mr. Brad Waitzer and Ms. Lisa Murphy to discuss the Marina Shores project. For the 14.19 acres of the existing 18.5 acres, planning includes a single building of 200 multi-family rental units, decreased from the original 261 units. Zoning would be changed from current B2 zoning to B4SD (multi-family use). The wet slips would remain, and the Surfrider restaurant expanded. All dry slips, boat storage structure, fuel tank and the event facility will be removed. The 4.22 acres adjacent (natural estuary) will be rezoned from R7.5 to P1 and transferred to a non-profit organization.

The new building's apartments will be upscale, with upgraded features and targeted more towards the 50+ age group, but not age restricted. Apartments will range from 850-1800 sq. feet. It will offer more parking than other new apartment complexes in the area. Mr. Waitzer added that his company has long-term objectives for this upscale property and that his company and personnel have received multiple service and quality awards. Groundbreaking for the complex is anticipated for September with construction completed within one year.

A question was asked from the floor concerning the proposed traffic light at Lynnhaven Road and N. Great Neck Rd. Mr. Waitzer said that the city has not agreed to put in the traffic light as current traffic figures do not warrant.

President Solomon then introduced Capt. "J.T." Orr, head of Virginia Beach's Third Precinct (west of Lesner Bridge to Norfolk city line). The Captain said that there are 100,000 residents in his precinct, which he covers with 82 police officers. He explained that police have joint jurisdiction on the military bases and frequently coordinate their mutual training together. If you see something of an emergency, use 9-1-1, but if it is a non-emergency, use the 385-5000 number.

He stated that larceny is a growing regional problem and a crime of opportunity. When residents fail to lock their car or house doors, thieves seize the opportunity. Thieves are looking for small items of value that can be easily sold. Many residents do not think they will become a victim until the theft occurs. Observant neighbors and Neighborhood Watch programs work well at improving security and are encouraged.

The minutes from 27 February 2017 were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer reported a checking account ending balance of \$7,383.05 as of 03/27/2017 and a Special Projects Account balance of \$1,499.55. As of this date, 9 civic associations had paid their dues for 2017.

Vice President Wally Damon gave no report on BAC as he was on vacation. He did report that Chic's Beach Civic League would sponsor a 5K race on 10 June and to contact Chad Hutchins at 510-4035 for more information and to volunteer. Also a civic art show would be held June 17th. Anders Jacobson is looking for sponsors.

President Solomon commented on the newly approved bus route along Shore Drive to the Oceanfront. All together, the survey received 565 responses with 40 % coming from the Shore Drive area. The survey indicated that about 50% would take the bus to the Oceanfront. A test run this summer will cost approximately \$200,000 and will start in May.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

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